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# OD ANNOUNCES SIX COMMEMS

#### Fabulous British Guiana Stamp Stolen

A news dispatch from Los Angeles supplied the information that the world's rarest stamp, the British Guiana 1c magenta, and a collection of other stamps were stolen, while the owner was showthem to a fellow collector. The purported owner according to the dispatch is Otto Krumbach, a 72 year old retired contractor, who have maintained his residence in year old retired contractor, who has maintained his residence in a Los Angeles hotel. This is the first time that any indication has been given as to whom is the present owner of the famed stamp.

present owner of the famed stamp.

Ever since the stamp was sold by the widow of the fabulous Arthur Hinds, the identity of its present owner has remained a well kept secret. Mr. Hinds was said to have paid \$37,500 for the stamp, and it was also mentioned at the time that Mrs. Hinds had refused this same sum offered for the stamp. The purchase price at which it was acquired by its present legal owner was in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

According to a reconstruction

neighborhood of \$50,000.
According to a reconstruction of the theft supplied by the police, Mr. Krumbach was showing a part of his collection containing the British Guiana, to a friend. While the men were intent on viewing the stamps, the bandit entered the apartment, slugged Mr. Krumbach and made off with the album containing the world's Mr. Krumbach and made off with the album containing the world's rarest stamp. In the same album were rarities from other British Colonies, Hawaii, the United States and France.

The album contained only 500 stamps and was valued at \$165, 000, which gives an easily understood indication of the size of the treasure.

the treasure.

Mr. Krumbach is a stamp collector of long standing, having begun his philatelic activities at the age of sixteen. He has been retired from his contracting business for some years, and has spent a good deal of his leisure time with his stamps.

#### **NEW SUBSCRIBER** WARMS OUR HEARTS

Every now and again we like to reproduce one of the typical letters in praise of Linn's Weekly Stamp News that are found in each mail. The following, from Lester Marvin of South Bend, Ind., was chosen because it seems to be the general reaction of new subscribers to Linn's. He writes: Dear Friend:

I start out by addressing you as "Friend" because one who puts out such a paper, the "Linn's Weekly Stamp News" is a friend of any stamp collector. I just received my first copy this last week, and wish that I had been on your mailing list long ago.

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Stamps. The official cachet that was applied notes the fact that these stamps were issued to commemorate the Third Anniversary of the entry of American Forces in Manila, February 3, 1948. A Streamer carries the well known words attributed to the General, "I shall return".

The stamps themselves are all of the same design. This consists of an excellent picture of General MacArthur. The three values are a 4c. dark violet, a 6c. rose red, and a 16c. blue. First day covers were received from the Manila Variety Store, Manila, Philippines, and Jose P. de Los Reyes of Manila, and Jose P. de Los Reyes of Manila,

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#### First Day Figures For Recent Commems

The Post Office Department has

The Post Office Department has released the figures on the first day sale and of the quantities of stamps sold for three of the recent commemoratives.

For the George Washington Carver stamp, which had a first day at Tuskegee Institute, Ala. 402,179 covers were canceled, and 780,000 stamps sold.

The new airmail coil stamp of 5c denomination, having the first

The new airmail coil stamp of to denomination, having the first day of issue at Washington, D. C. on January 15, had 192,084 covers for the first day cancel, while 210,251 stamps were sold.

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of the Wright Brothers, co-inventors of the airplane. The Postmaster told Rep. Burke that one
or two commemoratives were yet possible this year inasmuch as only eight of a full schedule of about ten stamps had been as-

about ten stamps had been assigned.

It is known that quite a bit of activity is going on in various civic and other circles in Dayton, Ohio, home of the Wrights, in the promotion of fitting memorials to the inventors. The matter of a request for a postage stamp was one of the first forms of a commemoration suggested. of a commemoration suggested, and it is expected that the various memorial committees of that city will put forth an appreciable amount of effort to have such a stamp.

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### Surprise Announcement Includes Stamp To Pay Honor to The Four Heroic Chaplains Of World War II

by Carl P. Rueth

A most welcome bombshell has been released into the ranks of United States stamp collectors with the Post Office Department's announcement of its proposed schedule of commemorative stamps for the balance of 1948. Six stamps have been officially approved by the Department, and will have their first days at some time during the next ten months of this year. The stamps for which the go ahead signal has been given are one for Francis Scott Key (previously announced), the Gold Star Mothers stamp, a stamp for Will Rogers, one for the 150th Anniversary of the Mississippi Territory, a Wisconsin Centennial Commem and a stamp to honor the Four Chaplains.

The stamp in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the annexation content of the territory of Mississippi to the United States is the only one for which any kind of detailed information was given. In connection with it, it

kind of detailed information was given. In connection with it, it was announced that the first day of issue would be on April 7, at Natchez, Mississippi. As to the other five the Post Office Department made just the bare announcement of their impending issuance at some time during 1948. Absent from the present list of proposed commens, and about

which their has beeen a lot of newspaper comment are stamps for the 100th Anniversary of the Settlement of the Swedes in the Mid-west, a stamp for the Washington Monument, and another issue for the American Indian and ington Monument, and another issue for the American Indian, and which was to have honored the famed Indian Chief, Sequoyah. It is also possible that the Department will find the opportunity of including a stamp, or stamps to commemorate the Wright Brothers, now that Orville Wright has passed away.

passed away.
Undoubtedly, the stamp that Undoubtedly, the stamp that will surprise the greatest number of collectors is the one to be issued for the Four Chaplains. At one time there was some agitation to have a stamp issued to commemorate the work of the Chaplains in the war, but seemingly the matter was not pressed seriously by the interested persons, and to all appearances the matter was dropped. There is just a good possibility that this stamp might be one of the most popular of them all. Actually, it is the first stamp ever issued by the United States that could definitely be attributed as a compliment to a religious, or to religion in general. general.

unacquainted with the Those story of the Four Chaplains might be interested in a short resume be interested of the event.

At 12:55 a. m. on February 3, 1943, the troop transport, Dor-chester, was torpedoed by the enemy, in the North Atlantic, off

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wounded vessel to sink beneath the frigid surface of the water on that cold, dark night. Before that happened though, an inspiring example of heroism was enacted by the four chaplains who had been assigned to the vessel to aid in the spiritual welfare of the men. One was a Roman Catholic priest, John P. Washington; one was a Jewish Rabbi, Alexander D. Goode, and two were Protestant ministers, George L. Fox, and Charles V. Poling.

By the light of the flares that provided the cnly illumination of the scene, these four chaplains worked side by side, passing out the life-belts to the men, helping to calm the panic, and encouraging the timid to make the plunge over the side of the ship to the greater safety of the water. When all the available life-jackets had been distributed, the four men removed their own and placed them on four of the men who were without them. Survivors of the disaster recount that the last seen of the four chaplains was their being linked arm in arm, standing on the deck of the ship, and praying as it sank beneath the waters. Their heroism was recognized by the United States Army when each of them was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, posthoumously, in 1944. Of the 904 men aboard the ill-fated ship, 678 of them were lost.

The stamp for Will Rogers will strike a responsive chord among all persons, whether collector, or not, for Rogers was regarded as much of an American tradition as the Statue of Liberty. This famed American humorist and colline to the company of the colline american humorist and the status of the company of the colline american humorist and the company of the colline american humorists. famed American humorist and political commentator was born on November 11, 1879 at Oolagh, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). From a rope twirling cowboy with a mediocre vaudeville act, in which role he began his career, he advanced to world fame and millionaire status. His advance to the top was made possible by (Continued on page 15)

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Central Europe.

"Appealing to Pennsylvania's senators and representatives, Walter C. Koenig, president of the society and chairman of the relief agency, said 'millions of dollars spent for these parcel post charges actually exceed the cost of the food contents.'

"Leaders of organized relief groups, as well as thousands of other persons, Koenig said, "are deeply concerned over the high cost of mailing food to European countries we want so much to

countries we want so much to

"He declared immediate action

"He declared immediate action on the society's resolution asking reduction of the rate to five cents a pound or less, would augment individual relief participation by millions of dollars.

"Had it not been for the many millions of relief packages sent across by masses of individuals, the uncalled for suffering and starvation of innocent children alone would have been incalculably worse.

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"Many of our citizens have exhausted their savings, mortgaged their homes and stripped themselves of the most humble luxuries to help the starving in Europe. Yet fully half or more of the money spent by these people for relief, went toward payment of parcel post rates."

### Catalog Of Japanese Occupation Issues

In a recent review of the "Japan In Scutheast Asia" stamp catalog pulished in this paper, it was stated that the price for it was not known. The catalog lists and prices the stamps that were produced by Japan for use in the countries that it occupied during the war. It is published by Roelf Boekema, Postbus 45, The Hague, Netherlands in the Dutch language.

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A reader of Linn's, D. Richard Sears of Appleton, Wis, wrote to Mr. Boekema asking the price and whether the catalog would be published in the English lauguage. He was told that the catalog was priced at \$2.85 plus 40c handling charge, and that the catalog would be issued in English shortly.

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BELGIAN CONGO: A new Red and green 2½ Franc has been issued showing a native statue.





OSTA RICA: We illustrate the new National Theatre Set

the new National Theatre Set listed here last week. FRANCE: An Air Mail semi-postal honoring Clement Ader is to be released in February. IRISH FREE STATE: An Air Mail stamp is to be issued in connection with the proposed flight from Shannon to Boston to New York Probable date of to New York, Probable date of issue is St. Patrick's Day.



NETHERLANDS: We illustrate the new series of Postage Dues reported here in January.



RUSSIA: We illustrate a set issued by the German General Wlassow who fought in the Ukraine with the German Army against Russia. These stamps were supposedly on sale in the Ukraine during its occupation. It consists of four stamps, one of which is shown.

SAN MARINO: We have seen the thirteen value set Scott's #215-227 without surcharge. These are not believed to have

These are not believed to have been regularly issued.

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rate book is printed on a fine grade of paper, has very good illustrations, and is bound between heavy paper covers. British Empire collectors especially, and general collectors will find that the above catalog will fit in quite well in their reference libraries.

#### A LINN ADVERTISER IS FEATURED IN COLLIER'S

This opportunity is taken to call the attention of the readers of Linn's to an excellent article that appeared in the February 7 issue of Collier's on page 19. The issue of Collier's on page 19. The title of the article is "The Prov-idential Provident" and is writ-ten by Caroline Bird. It tells of the founding and of other inter-esting details of the operation and the policies of the firm. It will be especially interesting to stamp collectors in that an explanation is made of the manner in which a loan is made against a stamp collection.

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a regular advertiser in Linn's Weekly Stamp News, and it can be noted that they offer the same services through the medium of their ad in this paper, as are enumerated in the Collier story. Collectors should avail themselves of reading the above mentioned article in Colliers. It will certainly sell them on the services that they offer to the readers in their weekly edge.

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symbolical representation of Helvetia will be used as the design of a 20c stamp, and its commemoration applies to the Acknowledgement of the Complete Independence of the Swiss Confederation in the Peace of Westphalia three hundred years ago.

The high value of the set will be a 30c stamp in blue, dark blue and red and will carry an emblematic symbol of the Federal State, the existence of which is now 100 years old. The designs for the stamps were chosen in cooperation with the Federal Committees of Art and Applied Art. The three low values of the series were designed by Hermann Eidenbenz of Basle, while the 30c value is the work of Maya Allenbach of Berne. The stamps are to be printed by the rotary heliogravure process ,on white paper containing a mixture of red and blue fibers, by the firm of Curvoisier of La Chaux-de Fonds.

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All the stamps of Afghanistan from 1871 until 1878 have a Tig-er's Head in the design. The Tig-er's Head symbolizes the name of the ruler at that time, Shere (Tig-

#### Leap Year Cachet And Cancellation Offered

In connection with their exhibition and bourse which they are holding at the Virginia Hotel in Columbus, Ohio on February 28 and 29 the Columbus Philatelic Club are going to offer a special Leap Year cachet, the club feels that collectors might prize these due to the fact that Leap Year occurs only every 1460 days

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Room for the affair, and it is here that the bourse and the exhibition will be held. A banquet will be held on Saturday evening April 10 in the Sapphire Room, which is open to members, their friends and other interested collectors.

Chairman of the Bourse is F. C. Dennehy, 312½ West State St., while Jack Bennett, 210 S. Avon St. has charge of the exhibit. The Year Book and Program will be in the hands of Edward J. Flath, secretary of the club, 415 Wall St. Rockford, Ill.

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written help get you started to thinking they will have served their purpose. The matter of thinking is one of vital importance in stamp collecting. In fact, I would urge anyone who wants to start collecting stamps, or anyone who is now collecting stamps and seems to be in a rut, to stop and take stock of things before going any farther. Collecting stamps has become such a big fad that there are millions interested in the hobby and it has attracted big business and big money. When those things happen collectors can be exploit-

ed by shrewd operators and it is solely the fault of the collector himself if he is caught in any of the traps.

Therefore the first thing to do is to think matters over. The conclusion you come to will have to be governed to a great extent by the amount of money that you can afford to spend each week or each month or year. Try to figure out a plan of collecting that will permit you to keep within your budget but at the same time, will permit you to keep up with what you are collecting.

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The rates have been based in general on a cost of 75 cents per ton-mile, both here and overseas. This is said to include cost of postoffice handling, air transportation, ground delivery at destination and the air carriage of postoffice equipment such as mail sacks.

Neither airline men nor air ex-press officials here could make detailed comparisons of the cost of the new service compared with air express because the services involved differ. In general, international air express does not include pick-up and delivery. One official estimated, however, that

official estimated, however, that to Europe from points east of the Mississippi, air parcel post would be about the same as air express, while from points west of the Mississippi it would be cheaper. The airlines look to the new service as a comforting addition to their revenues. Unlike the domestic lines, the transatlantic lines have been operating at a profit. Passenger rates average profit. Passenger rates average almost twice that on the domestic lines, they have had satisfactory loads as a rule and have not been hampered by winter weather.

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CEYLON. On Februray 4th
Ceylon became a self governing Dominion after 150 years as
a British Crown Colony.
The recently issued Ceylon
Constitution commemorative
set of four values was announced for sale until June
30th 1948 or until stocks are
exhausted, whichever is the
earlier. It is now reported that
all stocks have been sold and
that the set is obsolete. This
set should be bought now while
still available at a low price.
SEYCHELLES. Some years ago
the writer discovered a new
unreported error in Scott's No.
22. This was an inverted N
making it appear to be CEUTS.
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making it appear to be CEUTS. This was written up at the time in one of the philatelic publications, and also submitted to Scott's. Mr. Hugh Clark, however, would not consider listing this error until a second copy was located. As a result of the publicity a collector submitted a second copy to Scott's and this error was then listed as 22E. In an auction sale held

mitted a second copy to Scott's and this error was then listed as 22E. In an auction sale held in New York on Feb. 4th, a copy of this 22E was sold. I have been unable to find out whether this is the second copy or a third copy.

CHALKY PAPER. Chalky paper was replaced in many instances during the war by a thick opaque white ordinary paper and British Empire stamps printed on this paper could be recognized by the difficulty of seeing the watermark. Chalky paper is apparently being reintroduced on fresh printings. Recent printings on the chalky paper are Leeward Islands 2 shilling (incorrectly previously reported as a new shade), Mauritius 1 R. and St. Kitts Nevis 3 pence.

VIRGIN ISLANDS. The expected new high values of 10 shilling and one pound have recently been released.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA. The victory stamps of this colony were withdrawn from sale in

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A.C. The expected new set with present por-IRAQ.

IRAC. The expected new set (13) values) with present portrait of the Boy King has been issued, superceding the Boy King set of 1942.

MAURITIUS. It is reported from Western Australia that another copy of the Mauritius POST OFFICE stamp has been found. If correct, this is the 15th known copy in existence.

SOUTH AFRICA. The issuance of a miniature ½ pence postage due stamp from South Africa suggests the possiblity that a six pence value may be issued to complete this miniature set.

six pence value may be issued to complete this miniature set. The small 1½ pence "Gold Mine" stamp has recently appeared with the official over-

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These are the first such stamps

These are the first such stamps in the nation, and as such, are supposed to be an attraction to stamp collectors. The stamps were authorized in 1947 by the legislature of that state with the purpose of providing funds for the propagation of this most prized of inland game fish. The stamps will sell at \$1 per copy and will be made convenient for purchase by being placed in the hands of all authorized sellers of the Michiby being placed in the Michi-all authorized sellers of the Michigan fishing licenses.

#### STAMPS STOLEN FROM JAPANESE MUSEUM

Thieves broke into the Museum of Communications Building in Tokyo, Japan on the night of December 14, and did a thorough job of looting. At the same time they broke into the Nippon Stamp Association headquarters, which is housed in the same building, and made off with 26,866 yen worth of stamps. All of the recent and some of the old commemorative issues were taken along with other stamps.

Luckily, the secretary of the Association had about 300 of the Souvenir sheets for the 75th anniversary of the Ministry of Communications locked in the safe, or these would have been taken also. Even so, 128 of them were found by the thieves together with 660 of the 2nd Japanese Olympics sport stamps. Other issues stolen included the Railway commen, the Community Chest semi-postal, the Saporo sheet, the Kyoto Golden Temple stamp and the Philatelic Week sheet.

The Nippon Stamp Association purchases a quantity of each new issue which it keeps on hand to sell to collectors at face value plus postage. Since it is a non-profit organization, the theft of the stamps will cause it to curtail some of its operations for a while.

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ture.

IDAHO. At last the Punch Board stamps of the city of Lewiston have come to hand: Both sets are typeset pretty much the same except that the first set is much larger and set in caps 35x25½mm). The second set is set in upper and lower case (type measures 19x19mm) and has the same green background

(type measures 19x19mm) and has the same green background as the first but it now covers the entire stamp. Both are perforated 12, According to my information both sets came in the following values—5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1, \$2, and \$5.

MISSOURI. Scratch Higginsville and Joplin from your list of the cities of this state which use Cigarette stamps. The first city was included through mistaken information supplied to me and the second repealed it's tax law. Brookfield's 2c red stamp is just like Moberly's except for the city name. Mexico, Missouri has two types in use. One is a two cent red 'scotch tape' stamp like Carrollton's except for the city name and the story is a 2g streen dead with cept for the city name and the other is a 2c green decal with a horseman and a horseshoe as the main design. The latter stamp is on cream card, roulet-ted 64 by black rouletted 64;

ted 6% by black rouletted 6%; 11½ x 14½mm.

IEW YORK. A new Cigarette rate went into effect January 1st and a new set was issued: 1c blue, 1½c green, 2c lilac, 3c orange and 7½c yellow. The black design of the stamps has "New York" at the top and the value in a black circle at each lower corner. A map of the state is the central design. The 2c was surcharged "1c" to meet an urgent need for one cent stamps. These decals are on yellowish safety card black rouletted 9½ horiontally; 10 x-13mm.

OREGON. The Punch ("Merchandise Board") stamp of the city of Portland has at last been seen by your scribe. it is a meter stamp of the Metered Mail type but where the city name usually appears the word "Operator" appears. Obviously the operator's number is supposed to be placed in this same circle below the cancellation date. At the left of this circle there is wording as follows—"Merchandise Board Only" The operator number has been impressed to the left of this in red (1046). The stamp I have is black on pink safety tape, 25c in value. The meter number ed Mail type but where the city

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1947. It is very similar to the last design but smaller and with added ornamentation above and below what would be the old design: 1½c green, 3c orange and 7½c red. On cream safety card black rouletted 9½ horizontally; 11 x 13½mm.

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"When I started on it back in 1940, I didn't realize what a project this would turn out to be. A few times I thought I was in quite deep but I am beginning to see daylight now and two or three more years and I will have the ich completed."

more years and I will have the job completed."

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The Rev. Mr. Wheeler starts his history with the Viking explorations and Indian activities and will bring it up to the present. The two-volume work shows four distinct characteristics. Above all it shows loving care plus un-

The two-volume work shows four distinct characteristics. Above all it shows loving care plus unusual skill with pen and ink, a clear grasp of American history and a thorough knowledge of American postal emissions. He uses a steel point pen on quadrilled paper and makes the lettering as much like type as possible. The more than a hundred maps are hand-drawn in red and black ink. Mr. Wheeler says he has always had an interest in history but only started to collect stamps in 1937. The history supplements his regular collection.

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He set only two rules for him-self when he started—include only incidents which can be illus-

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he owed his landlady, and started peddling pencils.
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#### Interesting Story Of Unusual Find

(Editor's note: Among the more fascinating aspects of stamp collecting, are the stories of great finds that have been made, and "near finds" that for one reason or another never quite materialized. Dealers are usually somewhat reluctant to discuss these, not only because they do not like to reveal their sources for material, but often because they do not like to reveal their sources for material, but often because they think that they may ht pay-dirt in the same section a second time. It is only when the books are irrevocably closed on a series of events, as was the case in the story that follows, that so names, time do the second the second sec

The Biblical saying, "dust thou art and to dust thou shalt return." has its Philatelic parallel. "Junk thou art and to junk thou shall turn."

During the 1920's, while consid-During the 1920's, while considerable construction was being done in Buffalo, an old one family mansion barred the way of progress. The home for generations of an old Buffalo family, the house had at last fallen onto evil days and seemed destined for destruction.

days and seemed destined for destruction.

One of its earlier occupants was a Buffalo school teacher, Martha Codd, who had developed a mania for saving anything that came her way about the turn of the century. Letters, circulars, books, pamphlets, and especially anything connected with World's Fairs were jealously hoarded until the attic and several rooms of the house overflowed with the the house overflowed with the material. Miss Codd attended the 1893 Worlds Fair in Chicago, and several trunks of Exposition material were stored in her attic from that show.

from that show.

When the 1901 Pan-American Exposition opened in Buffalo, Miss Codd really went to town. She saved everything connected with the show: philatelic souvenirs in the form of Exposition covers, souvenir letters, official letters, tickets, post cards, and also non-philatelic remembrances, such as newspapers, trade cards, programs, etc.

programs, etc.
When the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis opened, Miss Codd spent the summer out there, and several

the summer out there, and several trunks of similar material were shipped to Buffalo. Even such whimsical material as paper napkins, restaurant menus, and ticket stubs were included.

Some time between the early 1900's and the late 1920's, Miss Codd went to her reward, but the near priceless accumulation of philatelic and non-philatelic material rested untouched and unsuspected in the attics of the mansion on Delaware Avenue—until the noise of the wreckers on this the noise of the wreckers on this same house made itself heard. And when the wreckers came upon more than a ton of what they considered junk, they scratched their heads to debate the best means of moving it: whether to burn it at the curb and be done

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with it, or sell it as waste paper for what it would bring.

A passerby with a philatelic inclination chanced to pass by at this very moment, Mr. Cecil J. Cates, from a nearby town in Chautauqua County, New York. Realizing its philatelic possibilities, he was not long in striking a deal with the foreman who thought Cates a bit on the daffy side when he not only offered to side when he not only offered to remove the "junk" for him, but offered to pay him a nominal sum besides. The foreman gave Cates till that evening to get the Cates till that evening to get the material out. Cates succeeded, and when the sun sank into Lake Erie that night, trunks and barrels of the Codd miscellany were en route to Cates' farm in Chautauqua County. They were stored in the loft of a barn there, to await the day when Cates would save the time to wade through the lot.

Quite a number of years passed, during which Cates undoubtedly forgot about his treasure trove. In 1940 the American Philatelic So-ciety held its annual convention in Buffalo, and stamp collectors from miles around visited that city, among them being one of the city, among them being one of the very workmen who years before had assisted in dismantling the house. Now a stamp collector, he had often wondered what sort of material he had contemplated burning. While in conversation with Herman Herst, Jr., one of the dealers attending the A. P. S. Convention, he told the story. Herst was interested, and decided to try to track the lot down.

Following the close of the Convention, he and Mrs. Herst drove to the little town in Chautauqua county where the material was

to the little town in Chautauqua county where the material was supposed to have been stored, and they had little trouble in finding the farm Mrs. Cates was home, and she was glad to show the material to the Herst's, although she could not sell it as it belonged to her husband who some day hoped to go through it. She accompanied Mr, and Mrs. Herst to the barn where in the fast fading twilight they looked at barrel after barrel of "junk"—scrap-books, pieces of string, old shawls, buttons—and covers... shawls, buttons—and covers . . . covers . . . There were the Exposition covers, brilliantly lithographtion covers, brilliantly lithographed in bright colors; there were stacks of Canadian stampless covers, all addressed to the bank that the Codd family ran in Buffalo in the 1850's and 1860's. There were literally hundreds of brilliant gold-hued covers bearing 1869's and bank notes, all from the De Veaux Institute of Suspension Bridge, N. Y., an almost priceless lot of college covers that today are so popular. Civil War Patriotics, United States stampless covers... the two pairs of Herstian eyes were opened wide in awe.

Mr. Cates was working in El,-Mr. Cates was working in El,mira, a couple hundred miles to
the south, said Mrs. Cates, so the
Herst's lost no time in heading
their car south to the address that
was given them. By midnight
they were talking to Mr. Cates,
and by 1 a. m. Cates was convinced that he would make more
money by returning to his harn and by 1 a. m. Cates was convinced that he would make more money by returning to his barn the next day than by showing up for work. Losing no time, the Herst's headed north and as dawn was breaking, their car pulled up once again at the barn that held this priceless treasure. With the entire day to work, it appeared that a deal of considerable consequence was likely, even though as the car had approached Chautauqua County, Cates was sure that the time to go over the material might soon be at hand, and he didn't quite know if he should sell or not.

As Mr. and Mrs. Herst started delving, Cates was definite of the opinion that he wouldn't sell a cover. The Herst's begged and pleaded, explained that they had aready devoted two days to this search and diven over five hunsel

pleaded, explained that they had already devoted two days to this search, and driven over five hundred miles. It was only when they slyly suggested to Mrs. Cates what might be done on a farm with several hundred dollars did Cates begin to yield. He steadfastly refused to sell the entire lot, but he finelly brought out a correction. but he finally brought out a corrugated carton about twelve by

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Somewhat thankful at partial victory after what seemed like certain defeat, Herst named a figure that startled Mrs. Cates much more than it did Mr, Cates. There was no question as to whether or not it would be accepted; Mrs. Cates made the decision before Mr. Cates had had time even to consider it, and in a matter of moments, the Herst's were piling into the barrels.

It was an odd game: Items of

It was an odd game: Items of moderate philatelic value were put back into the barrels in the put back into the barrels in the hope that the space which they might have occupied could later be filled with something of a bit more value. It was not long until the box commenced to fill, and Mr. Gates soon ruled that once an item was put in the carton, it couldn't be removed and its place taken by another As the top of couldn't be removed and its place taken by another. As the top of the box was approached, the Herst's became more and more particular. Once filled, Cates ancounced that business for the day was over, and the doors of the barn were once again closed.

About two years later the Herst's were again attending a national convention, this time in Cleveland, and on the chance that Mr. Cates might be inclined to a further bit of business, they returned home by way of Chautauqua County. Again Cates was not at home, but this time he was found at his new job in Buffalo. Again he returned to the farm the next day, and again the same next day, and again the same game was played. And once again Cates wouldn't hear of selling the entire lot; he was sure that this very winter he would have a chance to go through it himself and sort the material out. Herst made a mental note to return in two years.

two years.

The latest news from Chautauqua County is sad. It was told to Herst at the A. P. S. convention in Pittsburgh when he happened to meet a stamp collector from the very same town in Chautauqua County whence Cates had come. Mrs. Cates? She died last winter after a short illness. Mr. Cates? He died soon after, very suddenly. That pile of junk that was in the barn? That was

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sold as waste paper to a junk-man, and taken away. It brought five dollars, too, the men added. Thus ends the story of the Codd collection of miscellany, almost lost to philately once, partially restored, and finally and definite-ly lost. But the next time you are at a major stamp exhibition, took over the collections of Exposition covers and cards. If you see a nice lot of Canadian stampless, look them over. Chances are you will find some addressed to a member of the Codd family, and you will recall this saga. They are just the merest fragment of what might have been a tremendous sponsor of the Edison stamp. Such a commemorative was advocated for Edison by the Washington tallow was urged by Michael L. Eidsness, Jr., in Stamps Magazine in 1935. Mr. Bamberger also is mistaken in claiming credit for a Freedom Train stamp. This item, too, was discussed in Washington months before he climbed on them. over the collections of Exposition covers and cards. If you see a nice lot of Canadian stampless, look

#### WRONG PERSON CREDITED SAYS STAMP EDITOR

To correct what he terms is an inaccurate news story, James Waldo Fawcett, stamp editor of the Washington Sunday Star, Washington, D. C. wants the following to be known. It is in regard to a news story anent the sponsorship of several stamp is-

sues. He writes:
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for 1948. Ralph E. Danielson president, Robert Stevens vice president, Paul Mead secretary, and Niels Clausen treasurer.

It was Sweden night and the stamps of that country were discussed. Mr. Danielson showed his collection, and answered the questions of the group present.

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it. How about it? Do it now—

Watch those U. S. Playing Card Stamps, especially the ones that are over-printed—like Scott's No. RF9, worth about \$2.75. Recently I picked one of these out of a circuit book—it was marked RF3 at 12c.

Also watch for the RJ4 with inverted overprint (RJ4a). Noticed one of these in a set, which was in a friend's collection. Worth about \$8.50, instead of 85c for the normal variety. Moral: Learn to

normal variety. Moral: Learn to know your revenue stamps. This column can help you.

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How many of you have a copy of RY3 the \$200.00 Firarms Transfer Tax Stamp—or have seen one? Did I hear you say "ask some-Did I hear you say "ask some-thing easier? "Well I haven't seen one either. In fact, the \$1.00 overprinted (RY1) are not any too plentiful—haven't come across too many of these. The \$1.00 (RY2) you will find easiest to obtain. 1 Pack Playing Card Stamps In 1940 shortly after the "War

In 1940 shortly after the "War Tax" on decks of playing cards went into effect, four new "1 Pack" stamps were added to the list of Playing Card Stamps issued by our government.

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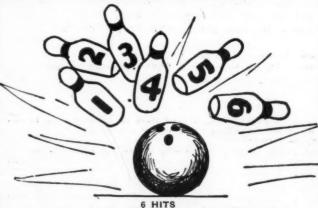
The first listed in Scott's Specialized Catalogue is the small size coil (the only small one in the series) rotary printed, perf. 10 vertically (RF26). The second is the larger size coil rotary, perf. 10 horizontally (RF27). Each of these two can be purchased for a dime or less, as they are quite common. The larger companies use these and all I have seen were precan-

celed (Bureau).

Next listed is the same large size stamp, but issued in sheets, flat plate, perf. 11 (RF28). This item is currently selling at around \$1.25, and it is quite elusive. The last item is also the large size, issued in sheets, but rotary press. last item is also the large size, issued in sheets, but rotary press and perf. 10x11 (RF29). This is by far the scarcest of the lot—quite a few were advertised a few years ago at \$5.00, but they seem to be more elusive now; or do you have a lot of duplicate of this. have a lot of duplicates of this number in your possession? These number in your possession? These last two were used by small companies—some on trick decks and also on the new plastic cards. All I have seen were printed cancellation (no Bureaus), rubber stamped, and also a few uncancelled.

If you watch for these "1 Pack" stamps—you may find a very nice item for your collection.

In 1919, Abyssinia issued a set of stamps for regular postage, the designs of which carried the pic-tures of the animals found within its territorial limits.



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After a year of operation as a mail order stamp dealer, Mr. Baird is convinced that politics and philately can be successfully combined

A graduate of the University of Michigan and a former political writer for the Fort Wayne, Ind., News-Sentinel, Mr. Baird has headed the staff of Congressman Gillie since 1939—with time out for two years as a sea-going Lieutenant in the Navy.

A stamp collector he organized

A stamp collector, he organized the National Stamp Agency a year ago, shortly after his discharge

from service.
"The Philatelic Agency is the "The Philatelic Agency is the direct cause of my being in business," he reports. Their mail order service was so slow that I was spending a good deal of my time running to the Agency for out-oftown collector friends. So I decided to do something about it.

Mr. Baird is a member of the American Philatelic Society and the Society of Philatelic Americans. He also is treasurer of the Indiana State Society of Washington. He is married and has a sixyear-old son, who is a stamp col-

year-old son, who is a stamp col-lector in his own right. Congressman Gillie is a former

member of the House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

### Liberian Variety Is Reported From N. Y.

A hitherto unreported variety of the 1897 issue of Liberia is being shown by Irving Lapiner of Sunnyside, Long Island City, N. Y.

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The stamp itself, the 3 cent red and green Inland Postage, is listed in Scott's as 64. Now come to light are two blocks of 50 each in which the second vertical row from the left is entirely imperforate. forate.

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This results in ten horizontal pairs, imperforate between, the only ten pairs known. The publishers of Scott's catalog have already indicated that this new variety will be known as 64b, which listing will appear in the new catalog.

which listing will appear in the new catalog.

Because of the increased in-terest in the stamps of this Afri-can Republic, this notable find has already attracted considerable attention.

Lapiner advises that the blocks are being broken up for disposal among Liberian specialists.

#### Cancelled Stamps Used To Make An Attractive Picture

Stamps are put to many uses other than the mounting of them in the albums of collectors. As for instance, some persons with nimble fingers, lots of time and imagination are using them as the means of making pictures. Earl MacLellan, of Gerrish, N. H. has seen what he thinks is a most this respect clever product in from China.

The picture reveals a Chinese boy walking by the sea, and on one uplifted hand is perched a Chinese bird. In the other hand, he carries a bird cage. The boy's garments are made entirely from garments are made entirely from cleverly cut pieces of used stamps; likewise the cage and the bird. Shrubbery, flowers and the sunset, making up the background, also the boy's face, are all artistically hand painted.

While some of the stamps used in the picture cannot be readily made out, the one comprising the boy's colorful red tunic is a one dollar Malayan stamp, and his attractive green trousers are made

dollar Malayan stamp, and his attractive green trousers are made up of a valuable stamp bearing the face of Chiang Kai-Shek. Blue stamps are used for the long flowing sleeves; light red stamps for the stocking; green stamps for sandals; and part of a light rose stamp for the bottom of the bird cage. A \$50 stamp, slate green in color, is used for the bird which rides the boy's hand.

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While there, it so happened that the management of the Park put on some horse races, and it

put on some horse races, and it also happened that after the first seven races our editor was in the red about seventeen bucks. In the eighth and last race, a horse named Stamp Album received the backing of our philatelically loy-al editor, who backed up his al editor, who backed up his loyalty with 15 dollars worth of folding money across the board. Fortune smiled broadly, for the nag was a winner that paid \$102.

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As to the stamps issued for which there are no spaces, Scotts states that only after the stamps are listed in the Catalog, are they included on album pages. Also, the International does not provide for all stamps that are issued, because the stamps provided for on the pages of this album are within a certain price range, and any issues that are over the top of this range are not included. Only the low and the medium priced is-sues of most countries which are usually obtainable to collectors are carried in the International album.

#### PHILADELPHIA CLUB PUBLISHES YEAR BOOK

The annual year book of the Keystone Stamp Club has been released to the members of this organization. Besides a resume of philatelic activities, the names ad-dresses and the collecting interests of all the members are noted. The officers to serve for the first six months of 1948 were elected at the December 19 meeting. Leading the club will be Charles McDonough as the president, Henry Ott is the vice-president, the secretary is Thomas Mayberry and the treas-urer, Herman Wilk.

urer, Herman Wilk.

The club meets every Friday evening at the Central YMCA, 1421 Arch St., Room 201, Philadelphia, Pa. They invite all interested persons to drop in on them for a visit whenever possible.

#### FREE CACHET FROM OSWEGO, NEW YORK, ON 100th ANNIVERSARY

The Oswego Stamp Club of Oswego, New York will sponsor a cachet on March 24, 1948 commemorating the One Hundredth Anniversary of Oswego as a city. Collectors desiring this cachet are requested to send stamped, self-addressed envelopes to Ford Baddressed envelopes to Ford Baddr addressed envelopes to Ford Bab-cock, Oswego, New York. Com-memoratives on outer cover will be greatly appreciated. The dead-line will be Saturday, March 20,

#### Hungary Announces Three New Issues

On March 15, the Hungarian government will issue a set of commemorative postage stamps to celebrate the holding of the Hungarian Freedoms Centennial Festivals. It has been announced that eleven stamps are to comthat eleven stamps are to comprise the series and the value of these will be as follows: 8, 10, 12, 20, 30, 40, 60 fillers and 1, 2, 3, and 4, flowing

20, 30, 40, 60 fillers and 1, 2, 3, and 4 florints.

Announced also is a semipostal set, the funds from the surtax of which will be used for the restoration of the famous Chain Brilge over the Danube at Budapest. Details as to the values in the set, the date of issue, or the designs to be used were not released as yet.

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A third issue will be of a single stamp to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Free Press of Hungary. This stamp, like the recent issue for the celebration of Stamp Day, will be produced in miniature sheets of four also.

Bela Bauer, secretary of the Hungaria Philatelic Society of New York City, and from whom the information was received, states that there were only 25,000 of the Stamp Day miniature sheet issued, and that it appears that for this reason the sheet will be a good item to have.

#### STAMP COLLECTING DOCTOR FEATURED IN MAGAZINE

A very interesting article about the collection and the collecting activities of Dr. Clarence Hennan is brought to the attention of stamp enthusiasts by Dr. Julius Ohlmann of Dayton, Ohio. It appeared in the December issue of Medical Economics, a magazine circulated in the medical profession. A picture of Dr. Hennan, with the above mentioned article, shows him holding several of the trophies and standing in front of many more of them. ing in front of many more of them, all of which he has won in competition in various countries.

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in amazement — genuine approval in every case!" I urge those who have never seen the Pages to send in their \$10.00 for the firs to mention where this ad was seen, as I'll have something extra for this information. If they fail to please it's money back by return.

Incidentally the Pages have been getting considerable publicity in England, I note the January Issue of Robson Lowe's beautifully printed magazine; "The Philatelist", features the Airmail page on its frontispiece. Inside are reproductions of two other pages. The reproductions come out first rate. Aside from this, the magazine is always of great interest and I'm sure Robson Lowe will not at all mind, if I suggest to readers that subscribers to this magazine will be getting far more than their money's worth. The annual subscription is only \$1.25 and their Philadelphia office will no doubt recent such Address is Robson Lowe Ltd. 271 Wideson Philadelphia 7 Page 1816. accept such. Address is Robson Lowe Ltd., 721 Widener Bldg., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

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inal sheet.

In times past these stamps were discarded or sold at a large discount. Especially were they loathed by precancel collectors. The one sided straight edge has more and more of late been accepted by collectors, just as second grade U. S. must be selling in the regular stamp market judging from the ads. It is easy to see that if any of these straight sided stamps were ever to be good the one with the two adjacent sides would be the one. One out of a pane of 100, four out of a large sheet of 400.

Many collectors have saved the

Many collectors have saved the things in the past and almost invariably have mounted their two sided straight edges in such a sided straight edges in such a manner, when material was avail-able, so as to make a frame line around the four mounted stamps, sround the four mounted stamps, that is when they were able to get all four positions. The real position of these corners was actually just the opposite and I think they should be mounted with the straight sides to the center and the perforations to

with the straight sides to the center and the perforations to the outside.

I have seen collectors make what they called miniature sheets of nine. They looked nice but were just as incorrect. However if the collector got a kick out of mounting them that way more power to him. In the sheet of nin.: a full perforated stamp was placed in the middle, then of course the corners were made out of the two sided straight edges, and between these were place. one sided straight edges, to complete the frame line. Lot of fun if you can get the material. To get some-like that in precancels all from one city on the same denomination never was an easy thing, most collectors being content to stick to making their plates up from different cities but of the same denomination.

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### International **Group Makes Report**

Numerous factors having to do with the improvement of international philatelic relations and the elimination of questionable postal issues were discussed at the annual convention of the Federation International de Philaeration Internationale de Phila-telie, held last October in Prague, according to a summary of the convention proceedings just re-ceived by the American Philatelic Society, the American representa-tive in the Federation. The con-vention was scheduled for Oct. 11 and 12, but the agenda was so voluminous that the business sessions were continued through the

sions were continued through the two following days.

Philatelic societies represented by delegates at the convention included those of Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Holland, Hungary, Jugoslavia, Luxembourg, Palestine, Switzerland, Spain and Sweden, while both the American Philatelic Society and the Belgian Philatelic Society were officially represented by the President of the Denmark Philatelist Union, and the societies of Finland and Poland expressed their views by mail on certain of the questions before the convention.

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One of the most important of the convention discussions concerned the work of the Central Office of the Federation, which had been established in Basel, Switzerland, in 1938 to investigate questionable stamp issues gate questionable stamp issues. The convention recommendations are to be submitted to each member society for further study and sible additional recommenda-

Another matter of general in-terest discussed at the conven-tion was the valuing of unused stamps without gum and, upon motion of the Danish Society, a definite proposal will be made after further study of the ques-tion

With reference to unnecessary stamp emissions and the often unreasonable surtax on these, the unreasonable surtax on these, the convention was informed by the President of the French Society that, after several requests to the French postal authorities, an agreement was reached that promises considerable improvement in the future so far as French stamps are concerned. The Czechoslovakia Society reported a similar agreement with the Czech postal authorities.

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Both the American Philatelic Society and the Brazilian Philatelic telic Society, which had been cor-responding members before World War II, were unamimously elect-War II, were unamimously elected to full membership in the Fed-

## Names The Winner Of 1947 Ott Award

At the January 19th meeting of the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh the winner of the Fred Ott Award for 1947 was announced by the awarding committee. the awarding committee. This prize, consisting of \$25.00 in cash and a suitable certificate, is given annually by Mr. Ott to the member who, in the opinion of a three man committee, scores the highest on the following counts::
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3. Effort in the furtherance of philately generally.
4. Character and personality.
The winner for 1947 was Mr. A.
E. Guenther, whose work was particularly notable as chairman of the general committee in charge of arrangements for the A. P. S. Convention last August, when the Pittsburgh Club was host.

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The subject of the picture is the Cooper Ferry Postoffice estab

the Cooper Ferry Postoffice estab-lished in 1803 and changed in 1829 to the Camden Postoffice, and located at the foot of State street where the Coopers had established the first ferry from Philadelphia to Camden.
At the time the above picture

was made this was a rope ferry and to the right on the seal can be seen the horse-drawn capstan that with the flow of the river and the tide, helped pull the boat from one side of the river to the other.

Undoubtedly over the years that this ferry was in use many types of boats and power were used. These interesting and historic seals and cachets will be on sale both before and during the exhibition by Florer C. Prott 213 Phoads tion by Elmer C. Pratt 213 Rhoads avenue Haddonfield, N. J. publicity director of the show, at the following prices: Seals, 10 cents for the first and 5 cents for each additional first and 5 cents for each additional seal, postpaid. Cachets 15 cents for each printed cachet addressed and franked with a late commemorative stamp and mailed from the show floor during the exhibition. Do not send covers or stamped envelopes for this cachet as they are printed on special covers which can only be used for the cachet. All eachet orders must the cachet. All cachet orders must be in before March 2. Both seals and cachets will be on sale at the exhibition doors during the show.

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BY CARL P. RUETH

announcement from The announcement from the Post Office Department which gives the list of stamps to be issued is certainly imposing. Of course they will be spread over the year, and collectors should not expect to get them all withing the post two or three months. not expect to get them all within the next two or three months.
The inclusion of the Four Chaplains will certainly surprise all,
but the others have been suggested from time to time. This
list still leaves room for the Washington Monument commem, the
American Indian stamp and the
tribute to the Swedish Pioneers,
to say nothing of a Santa Claus
stamp. stamp.

With all these new stamps coming up, just how much do you know about the past issues? Here

is an opportunity to find out.

1. Nearly all stamps of the United States have the wording on their face "United States Postage", "U. S. Postage", or "United States of America, Postage", what three stamps have neither of these or any any other word. of these or any any other wording to denote that they are stamps of this country?

2. There were four United States Postage stamps issued with the wording, "U. S. Post Office". Which are they?

At another time in this column were listed some of the sugges-tions for the improvement of the tions for the improvement of the postal service that were sent to the PMG by employes of the service from the postmasters on down to the lowliest substitute clerk. The following have a special appeal all their own:—issue an airmail postal card (very good idea); print stamps in blocks of four for philatelists (probably worried to death by collector customers); issue 4c, 6c, and 8c postage due stamps (to save wear and tear on the licker); make stamps of a lighter color (???); treatment to prevent stamps from curling (we should live so long).

In a recent speech, Third As-sistant PMG Lawler made a sig-nificant statement of policy about the issuance of commemorative stamps. He said:
"The issue of a new stamp is

a noteworthy event. It may not be generally understood but it is the fact that when the Post Ofthe fact that when the Post Office Department authorizes the issue of a new stamp, it can do so only after very weighty deliberation. There are many, many requests each year for commemorative stamp recognition, some of which carry great merit. However, it is practicable to issue but 8 to 12 each year. This begets discriminating selection. In the first place be it a great man, a great event, or a great idea, it must be one of national significance

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NOTE—Altho we offered our UNIT No. 2 for Commemorative blocks of four in our latest price list, we are as yet unable to fill orders because the printer has failed to keep his promise for delivery. We do believe how-ever that we will have these pages in stock by about March 1st, when we will fill orders.

Also with reference to more pages for A.M.G. stamps. Scott has nounced that these stamps will no longer be listed under United ates and that is the reason we have not included new A.M.G. issues the new 1947 set of pages. Later, when these insues are properly safiled we anticipate making pages to hold the stamps issued since r last set of pages for such stamps.)

and importance; there should be great public interest and demand; it should be a subject which will lend itself to adequate portrayal or proper symbolization within the dimensions of the tiny postage stamp; it must be considered not only from its philatelic aspect but from a standpoint of utility in its elemental use as indicia in transmitting mail matter".

From Pittsburgh, Joseph F. Barron, a railway mail clerk, writes that he goes along 100% with the information given here on the bad addressing of mail by persons who should take just 60 seconds longer to address their mail so that is is legible. Mr. Barron writes, "I have noticed that many people use the wrong state, and address mail to localities that they have visited, but that are not post offices. Also a common error is to write Md. so that it can be mistaken for Ind. or Mo., and Pa. which can be taken for La., or Ia., or Penn. that looks like Tenn. In addressing a letter, one should never write the Gen. Del. or R. D. under the state as this can be mistaken contiled. write the Gen. Del. or R. D. Under the state as this can be mistaken so easily for Del. or R. I."
So there, that concludes our weekly good turn for our Post Office Department, with lots of thanks for Mr. Barron who is in a job to know about what he is

Last January 10, when the first flight with a helicopter carrying mail was made on AM 84 in California, covers were carried for California, covers were carried for collectors. L. O. Gerbig of Casper, Wyoming had a cover aboard with two Carver stamps on it for postage. The Los Angeles post office cancelled the stamps with a postmark that read 1947, instead of 1948. That makes an official (?) first day of nearly a year previous to the actual date of January 5, 1948!!

The stamp on a stamped envelope should be in the upper right hand corner of the envelope, shouldn't it? It so happens that Lewis E. Waggoner of Lakewood, Ohio has one that was used and addressed to him with the stamp nearly in the exact center instead. He also writes that the envelope is regular in every respect outside of that. This does not stack up as a great rarity, but they just don't appear often enough for us less fortunate people to have one for our collections.

I just haven't made up my mind whether Walter J. Kowbel of Racine, Wis. has an unusual cover or not. Here's what he has, cover or not. Here's what he has, and you can make up your own mind on the matter. It is an envelope with a beautiful cachet from one of the big first day cover dealers, properly addressed, is postmarked with the machine cancel from Coloma, Calif., on the first day of issue of the Gold Discovery stamp, but it doesn't have any stamp!

What is the Post Office Dewhat is the Post Office Department intending to celebrate writes a reader in regard to the Francis Scott Key commemorative stamp? He offers the information that Key was born in 1780, wrote the Star Spangled Banner in 1814, and died in 1843.

Suppose an airmail letter had to be forwarded to another address because a person had moved from the one written on the envelope. Would the letter be continued on its way by air, or by surface? Curiosity about the matter prompted H. M. Brehm of New London, Wis. to write to the Department in Washington about the matter after he could not get a definite answer from several postoffices that he visited. The POD wrote that if the delivery of the letter to the other address would be expedited with the use of airmail, such a method would be used.

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attention of the POD when the stamps were issued the POD advanced the statement that this was an experiment, and besides the design was too crowded already for such wording.

2. Only four stamps in the long line of issues since the first one in 1847 have been inscribed "U. S. Post Office." The 5c and the 10c, 1847's were the first two so inscribed, while the two stamps contained in the CIPEX Souvenir sheet were the other two.

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was also announced at the time that philatelic mail would be carried, and this would be cancelled with a Heard Island postmark.

When the Wyatt Earp finally did depart from its Australian port, all the philatelic mail was left behind, neatly piled on the desk of a member of the expedition. Each piece had been addressed, sealed, stamped and filled with a stuffer. An inexperienced secretary, seeing the mail and not realizing that it was to have had the special cancellation, dumped the entire lot in the Melbourne post office.

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There is a good possibility that the Gold Star Mothers stamp might be issued on Mothers Day in May, and that the Francis Scott Key stamp be released on Flag Day in June. The Wisconsin Centennial stamp will undoubtedly have its first day of issue on May 29, for this is the actual date of the admission of the state to the Union 100 years ago.

The entire six issues of stamps will probably be of three cents denomination each since none of them have any international sig-

denomination each since none of them have any international significance, and which would therefore call for a 5c value.

The program of stamp issues as announced by the Post Office Department is a commendable one, and one that does not in any way prove a burden to collectors financially. There is still room for a few more stamps and the Department will no doubt take the opportunity of scheduling stamps to complete the full capacity of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. ing and Printing.

#### Monaco Commem For Stamp Exhibition



On March 5, the Principality of Monaco will release a single stamp to compliment the Philatelic Exhibition that will open its doors on that day in the capital city. It is a semi-postal stamp having a value of 6F+4f. The design on the stamp is of Scott type A1, which pictures Prince Charles III.

III.

Charles Wettly, Le Meridien,
Beausoleil (A.-M.) Monaco provided this information and the
picture of the stamp.

#### **Exhibition Dates**

Feb. 20, 21, 22—North Shore Philatelic Society's "NORPEX" Edgewater Beach Hotel, N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago.

February 26, 21, 22—Beverly Hills Philate-lic Society, Ridge Park Field House 96th St., and Longwood Dr., Chicago III.

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Seais, cachet and other information
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April 10, 11—Peninsular State Philatelic
Society, Bancroft Hotel, Saginaw, Mich,
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April 10, 11—Blackhawk Philatelic Society,
Hotel Nelson, Rockford, Ill. Information
from Edward J. Flath, 415 Wall St.,
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April 23, 24, 25—Pottstown Stamp Club, Odd Fellows Temple, 260 King St., Potts-town, Pa. Seals and cachet from Horace Swavely, 68 Beech St., Pottstown, Pa.

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Alco on or about March 1, airmail service will be inaurgurated on a new segment of AM 32 from the terminal point of Eagle Pass, Texas via Laredo, Harlingen, Mission-McAllen-Edinburg, to the terminal point at Brownsville, Texas, Each of these offices will be permitted to apply a special cachet for the event through the authority of the Poct Office Department.

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